

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the subject application as amended. In response to the Office Action mailed 7/19/04, Applicant is filing this amendment. Presently, claims 13-17 and 20-30 are pending.

In the Office Action mailed 7/19/04, the Examiner has rejected claims 13-15 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Ang et al. (Ang; U.S. Patent 6,301,146). Applicant submits that Ang fails to disclose the elements of independent claim 13, as amended. Although Ang may teach biasing the back gate terminals and the normal gate terminals of the two bit line coupling transistors in the static RAM storage cell for causing a flow of compensating currents through coupling transistors when in a standby or non-access condition, Ang fails to disclose monitoring voltage on a storage node, comparing the monitored voltage with a reference voltage and generating a tracking voltage used to adjust leakage current through the access transistors, as claimed in amended claim 13. Accordingly, Applicant submits that amended claim 13 distinguishes over Ang. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the 35 U.S.C. §102(b) rejection, as well as objections to claims 16-19, which depend from claim 13.

In regards to the Examiner's non-statutory double patenting rejection of claims 13-20, 25 and 27, Applicant submits that the amended claims distinguish over U.S. Patent 6,782,130. However, if the Examiner continues to maintain the non-statutory double patent rejection of the amended claims, Applicant will file a terminal disclaimer, if so informed by the Examiner.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance and requests the Examiner to allow pending claims 13-17 and 20-30, as amended.

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